In the Claims

Claims remain presented as follows:

1.   (previously presented) A method of using a web-browser to pass information from one of a plurality of first web entities to a second web entity said web-browser being separate from said first and second web-entities and said one of a plurality of first web entities having no information about the second web entity, said method comprising the steps of:-

(i)   receiving a pre-specified address of a redirection server, together with additional information, from the one of a plurality of first web entities at the web-browser;

(ii)   forwarding an address of the second web-entity to the redirection server from the web-browser such that the redirection server redirects the web-browser to the second web-entity and

(iii)   passing the additional information from the web-browser to the second web-entity.

2.   (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the one of a plurality of first web entities is a web-based information system.

3.   (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second web-entity is an information receiver.

4.   (cancelled).

5.   (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step (ii) comprises forwarding the additional information to the redirection server together with the address of the second web-entity.

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6.   (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the additional information comprises a telephone number and the second web-entity comprises a node in a telecommunications network.

7.   (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the additional information comprises television programme information and wherein the second web-entity comprises a video recorder.

8.   (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the address of the second web-entity is forwarded to the redirection server in a cookie from the web-browser.

9.   (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said additional information comprises instructions for an action to be performed at the second web entity.

10.   (previously presented) A web-based information system arranged to provide items of information for receipt by an information receiver, said web-based information system comprising:-

   (i)   an input arranged to receive instructions from a web-browser such that an item of information from a database may be accessed and selected; said web-browser being separate from said web-based information system and said information receiver;

   (ii)   an output arranged to forward a pre-specified address of a redirection server together with an item of information accessed from the database to the web-browser; such that said web-based information system has no information about the information receiver.

11.   (original) A web-based information system as claimed in claim 10 wherein said database of items comprises telephone numbers.

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12.   (previously presented) A method of operating a web-based information system which is arranged to provide items of information for receipt by an information receiver said method comprising the steps of:-

(i)   receiving instructions from a web-browser such that an item of information from a database is accessed and selected; said web-browser being separate from said web-based information system and said information receiver;

(ii)   forwarding a pre-specified address of a redirection server together with the accessed, selected item of information to the web-browser; such that said web-based information system has no information about the information receiver.

13.   (original) A communications network comprising a web-based information system as claimed in claim 10.

14.   (original) A communications network as claimed in claim 13 which further comprises at least one redirection server.

15.   (previously presented) A web server for redirecting a web-browser said web server comprising:

(i)   an input arranged to receive from the web-browser an address of a web-entity together with additional information said additional information having been obtained from a web-based information system which has no information about the web-entity; said web-browser being separate from the web-server, the web-entity and the web-based information system; and

(ii)   a processor arranged to redirect the web-browser to the web-entity such that in use the web-browser may send the additional information to the web-entity.

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16.   (original) A web server as claimed in claim 15 wherein said input is arranged to receive a cookie from the web-browser, said cookie containing the address of the web-entity.

17.   (original) A web server as claimed in claim 15 wherein the web entity is itself a web server for redirecting a web-browser.

18.   (previously presented) A computer program for controlling a web server in order to redirect a web-browser, said computer program being arranged to control the computer program such that :-

(i)   an address of a web-entity is received from the web-browser together with additional information said additional information having been obtained from a web-based information system which has no information about the web-entity; said web-browser being separate from the web server, the web-entity and the web-based information system; and

(ii)   a processor redirects the web-browser to the web-entity such that in use, the web-browser may send the additional information to the web-entity.

19.   (original) A method of using a web-browser to generate cookies for each of an information receiver, and a redirection server, said method comprising the steps of:-

(i)   accessing the information receiver using the web-browser; and

(ii)   automatically redirecting the web-browser to the redirection server.

20.   (original) A method as claimed in claim 19 which further comprises repeating said step (ii) of automatically redirecting for one or more additional redirection servers.

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